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INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASES CONTAINING ANTI-CD81 ANTIBODY AS

THE ACTIVE INGREDIENT

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2009, the period of response having been extended by three (3) months to July 30, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.